



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From** 01/05/23      **Period start date To** 30/04/24      **Period end date**

**Charity name:** Churches Together in Stafford & District

**Charity registration number:** 1200830

## **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The object of the CIO is the advancement of the Christian faith in particular (but without limitation) by providing worship, prayer and Christian teaching.</p> <p>The aim of Love Stafford is to create a unity partnership between churches and Christian organisations that will add value to the wider community of Stafford and the area around it. Love Stafford creates the opportunity for church leaders to meet monthly for prayer and networking.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Main activities undertaken:</p> <p>Monthly Prayer meetings attended by local church leaders and Christian organisations.</p> <p>Organisation of events to support the aim of Love Stafford ie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christmas events</li><li>• Week of Unity and prayer.</li><li>• Easter Events</li></ul> <p>There is also a strategic role that the Community Chair of Love Stafford has in working with the Borough</p>

		Council to ensure that the work of churches within the borough is understood and used effectively. This has been particularly helpful around co-ordinating and linking foodbanks and the provision of community spaces. It also helps churches understand where they can contribute effectively and purposefully in our local communities when The Borough council has identified gaps in provision that could be filled by the local church.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees of the CIO have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising their powers and duties to which the guidance is relevant.

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Monthly prayer meetings for Church Leaders and local organization leads – for prayer and information sharing. This monthly event supports and encourages church leaders and organization leaders in our town.</p> <p>Love Stafford hosted a Saltmine production of The Liberator. This followed on from last year's Passion Play and was another opportunity to bring a Community Theatre company to Stafford focusing on the Christian Faith.</p> <p>In January we hosted the Love Stafford Celebration and Mission Market (week of Christian Unity), with speaker Jo Swinney from A Rocha International. This is an opportunity to bring churches together and pray and worship together and demonstrate the unity within our town churches. It is always a significant event for church communities.</p> <p>Good Friday walk. This year we followed the route of the previous year's Passion Play which allowed us to remind people of past events and draw attention to Easter weekend and the foundations of the Christian faith once again.</p>

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>This year's result was an expected net deficit outcome, given that income raised in the previous financial year had not all been spent, and no additional fundraising appeals were made. The charity has sufficient cash holdings to cover activities that may occur in the next financial year.</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity does not have a policy on holding reserves.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The charity does not have obligations (buildings, employees, ongoing projects) for which reserves would need to be held.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>Not applicable</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>Not applicable. The charity is each year able to measure activities against available income.</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The Charity receives donations from individuals and churches in Stafford. The Charity has not engaged in any fundraising activities in this period.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	n/a
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Medium: Reputational risk (mitigated by strong relationships across churches and with the local borough council; clear communications; risk management assessments completed for events).  Low: Financial mismanagement risk (low turnover; multi-factor authentication; two signatories required for bank transactions; minimal petty cash).
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	<b>Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	By a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Charity Trustees (Constitution document paragraph 11.1)

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Churches Together in Stafford & District
Other name the charity uses	Love Stafford
Registered charity number	1200830
Charity's principal address	Stafford Baptist Church Bailey Street Stafford ST17 4BG

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	John Marshall	Chair		
2	Mark Datson	Treasurer		
3	Danielle Leigh		01/05/23 to 06/09/24	
4	Stephen Harrison			
5	David Clark			
6	Samantha Phillips			
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### Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

### Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

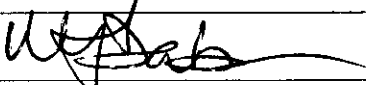
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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	MARK J. DATSON	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	
Date	13 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	



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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/05/23

To

30/04/24

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Individual donations relating to the Passion Play	-	150	-	150	6,475
Tax rebate from individual donations	255	-	-	255	60
Interest from business account	58	-	-	58	21
Churches donations for the Passion Play	-	-	-	-	10,395
Grants from Trusts/Companies/Charities for the Passion Play	-	-	-	-	20,500
Cash from Crematorium services	10	-	-	10	35
Cash from Passion Play collection	-	-	-	-	255
General donations - individuals	-	-	-	-	1,000
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>38,741</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>38,741</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Website Maintenance	61	-	-	61	34
Public Liability Insurance	275	-	-	275	329
The Saltmine Trust	-	1,621	-	1,621	26,891
PA services	90	-	-	90	6,295
Other Passion Play costs	-	125	-	125	1,698
Evangelism Trainer gift	-	-	-	-	300
Other event costs	230	250	-	480	435
Charity Registration	-	-	-	-	960
Contribution to Churches Linked Across Staffordshire and the Potteries (CLASP)	50	-	-	50	-
Transfer out of Stone Churches fund	-	4,000	-	4,000	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>5,996</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,702</b>	<b>36,941</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>5,996</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,702</b>	<b>36,941</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 383</b>	<b>- 5,846</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 6,229</b>	<b>1,800</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>- 955</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>6,284</b>	<b>6,801</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,085</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>6,856</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,856</b>	<b>1,800</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

### B1 Cash funds

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Treasurer's Account	2,311	-	-
Business Account	4,535	-	-
Petty Cash	10	-	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>6,856</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

### B2 Other monetary assets

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

### B3 Investment assets

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
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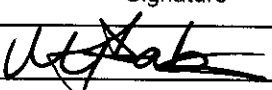
### B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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### B5 Liabilities

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	MARK BATSON	12/8/24